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1. SUMMARY. CONTINUING SOUNDINGS ON SUBJECT TOPICS BEGUN
THAT MORNING IN BELGRADE (REFTEL), COUNSELOR HEARD PRESENTATION
BY RCP CC FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ANDREI WHICH WAS PERHAPS
EVEN STRONGER IN SUPPORT OF WE CP INDEPENDENCE, BUT ALSO
DEFENSIVE (BY IMPLICATION) RE POSSIBLE PLAYBACK EFFECTS IN EE.
END SUMMARY.

2. IN OCTOBER 10 MEETING, RCP CC INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
SECRETARY (AND ERSTWHILE ECPC NEGOTIATOR) STEFAN ANDREI WAS
ASKED ABOUT EUROCOMMUNISM AND EFFECTS ON SOVIET-EE RELA-
TIONS BY COUNSELOR NIMETZ RPT NIMETZ (WE ASSUME NUMETZ AS
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RECEIVED REFTL REFLECTS EITHER TRANSMISSION GLITSCH
OR CYRILLIC CURSIVE IN VOGUE AT EMBASSY BELGRADE). ANDREI'S
COMMENTS SEEM USEFUL COMPANION PIECE TO VIDIC VIEWS RE-
CORDED REFTL, GIVEN CLOSE YUGOSLAV-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IN
WORLD COMMUNIST AFFAIRS.

3. ON EUROCOMMUNISM, ANDREI SAID EVEN THE NOTION IS CON-

FUSING SINCE PROBLEMS OF WESTERN COMMUNIST PARTIES VARY SO MUCH. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE REALLY TO COMPARE SITUATIONS OF FRENCH AND WEST GERMAN, OR SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE (THOUGH BOTH ARE IBERIAN), OR SWEDISH/NORWEGIAN AND FINNISH PARTIES. AS A GENERAL TRAIT ALL PARTIES ARE IN PROCESS OF ELABORATING AN INDEPENDENT LINE, AND STRONGEST PARTIES--ITALIAN, FRENCH AND SPANISH--HAVE SPECIAL ROLE IN THIS PROCESS. BUT IT GOES ON TO VARIOUS EXTENTS AND IN VARIOUS CONDITIONS.

4. ROMANIA WELCOMES THIS DEVELOPMENT, AND BELIEVES IT IN THE INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. MAIN POINT, HOWEVER, IS THAT PARTIES ARE MAINLY RESPONSIBLE TO THEIR OWN WORKING CLASSES AND PEOPLES. (RCP ALSO BELIEVES THEY SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENTS WITH SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS AND OTHER PROGRESSIVE FORCES, SINCE THESE OFFER BEST PROSPECT OF BRINGING MAJORITY OF "POPULAR FORCES" IN EACH COUNTRY INTO EFFECTIVE GROUPINGS. RCP ITSELF HAS RELATIONS WITH SOCIAL-DEMOCRATS AND OTHER PARTIES, LIKE BRITISH CONSERVATIVE, BELGIAN CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS, AUSTRIAN PEOPLE'S PARTY AND EVEN NETHERLANDS ANTIREVOLUTIONARY PARTY; HE NOTED WITH SMILE DUTCH WERE AGAINST REVOLUTION OF 1848.)

5. THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS AND DEBATES ALONG THE WAY, ANDREI SAID. (HE HAD COMMENTED EARLIER IN ANOTHER CONTEXT THAT ROMANIANS AS COMMUNISTS BELIEVE DIFFERENCES EVEN AMONG COMMUNISTS ARE NATURAL.) FROM ROMANIAN POINT OF VIEW, THIS
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IS A FAVORABLE TREND, SO LONG AS DEBATES DO NOT TURN INTO ATTACKS OR TRIALS OF GOOD INTENTIONS. BUT ROMANIANS BELIEVE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT IN CURRENT SCENE IS SPECIFIC SITUATION OF EACH PARTY.

6. ASKED TO COMMENT ON SPECULATION BY SOME WESTERN OBSERVERS AS TO WHETHER CP FERMENT WOULD STIMULATE AUTONOMY IN WP COUNTRIES EXCEPT ROMANIA, OR SOVIET ENFORCEMENT OF MORE DISCIPLINE, OR BOTH, ANDREI SAID SITUATION IS COMPLEX AND WHAT HAPPENS DEPENDS ON MULTIPLICITY OF FACTORS. AMONG THEM ARE AGREEMENTS ON MILITARY DISENGAGEMENT, PROSPECTS FOR DISSOLUTION OF BLOCS, AND POSSIBILITY OF DEVELOPING DIFFERENT BASES FOR EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THAT SAID, HOWEVER, ROMANIANS BELIEVE THAT TREND TOWARD INDEPENDENCE CANNOT BE REVERSED IN LONG RUN. JUST AS A MAN, AS HE GROWS, WISHES TO CONTROL HIS OWN DESTINIES, SO IT IS FOR NATIONS, AND TREND TOWARD INDEPENDENCE IS ONE OF BASIC FEATURES OF OUR ERA. POLITICAL FORCES WHICH WISH TO "MOVE WITH THE NATIONS" CANNOT SEPARATE THEMSELVES FROM THIS TREND; IF THEY DO, THEY WILL SINK INTO PETTY POLITICIS, AND DWINDLE TO THE POINT WHERE NUMERICALLY THEY CANNOT EVEN "FIT INTO A BUS."

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